

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A panel for modular construction of partitions and walled structures, said panel having a top, a bottom, two major surfaces and two minor side surfaces, a first of said minor side surfaces being provided with a an integral first profile and a second of said minor side surfaces being provided with a an integral second profile, wherein each of said first profile and said second profile are provided with means for direct complementary engagement with a profile of an adjacently-positioned panel, and wherein ~~each of~~ said first profiles is provided with two substantially identical inter-engagement means arranged at an angle of about 90° to each other enabling ~~the alternative~~ direct inter-engagement of said first profile of a first panel with one or two respective second profiles of two adjacent second panels, the arrangement being such that upon inter-engagement between said first panel and one of said second panels with an angle of 180° is formed therebetween, and upon inter-engagement between said first panel and a second of said second panels at an angle of about 90° is formed therebetween.

2. (currently amended) A panel for modular construction according to claim 1, wherein said profiles [are substantially co-extensive with the height of] and the minor side surfaces to which they are respectively, integrally attached are substantially co-extensive in height.

3. (currently amended) A panel for modular construction according to claim 1, wherein ~~said first and said second profiles inter-engage by the provision in a first of the two~~ substantially identical inter-engagement means of said first profile ~~of~~ comprises a first curved recess ~~at the outer edge of said first profile~~ and a second of the two substantially identical

inter-engagement means of said first profile is provided with a second substantially identical curved recess on a side of one of said major surfaces, and said second profile being is provided with a curved extending elongated hook-like means which can be inserted for inserting into said first recess for and inter-connection of adjacent panels at an angle of 180° therebetween, and inserted inserting into said second curved recess for and inter connection of adjacent panels at an angle of about 90° therebetween.

4. (currently amended) A modular system for partition construction including panels according to claim 1, wherein said first and said second profiles have open ends and wherein said system further comprises provided with elastomer end plugs which can be fitted for fitting into the open ends of said first and said second profiles, a first end plug having upper projections and a second end plug having upper recesses matching said projections of said first end plug.

5. (original) A modular system for partition construction including panels according to claim 1, further provided with flat bottom U-shaped elements sized to fit over said panel tops, to retain a pair of adjacent panels at an angle of 180° therebetween.

6. (original) A modular system for partition construction in according to claim 5, wherein a recess is provided in said flat bottom of said U-shaped element to allow passage for end plugs according to claim 4.

7. (currently amended) A modular system for partition construction including panels according to claim 1, further provided with a door panel having a top, a bottom, two major

surfaces and two minor side surfaces hingedly suspended between ~~an~~ upper and a lower horizontal beam members, and having four corner areas formed at the respective junctures of said top, bottom and minor side surfaces.

8. (currently amended) A modular system for partition construction including a door panels according to claim 7, wherein said door panel is provided with four retractable hinge pins one retractable hinge pin being proximate to each of the corners of said door panel, said hinge pins when deployed engaging bush elements held by said beam members, said door panel being hinged proximate to ~~the right edge~~ a first minor side surface of the door panel when only the right side] hinge pins adjacent said first minor side surface are deployed, said door panel being hinged proximate to ~~the left edge~~ a second minor side surface of said door panel when only the ~~left side~~ hinge pins adjacent said second minor side surface are deployed, said door panel being locked when at least three hinge pins are deployed and being removable when all hinge pins are retracted.

9. (currently amended) A modular system for construction of a walled tabernacle booth structure (~~sukka~~) including panels according to claim 1, further provided with wooden beams which ~~can~~ are adapted to be laid in an array over said booth, said beams being supported by opposing panels.

10. (currently amended) A modular system for construction of a walled tabernacle booth structure according to claim 9, further provided with flat bottom U-shaped elements sized to fit over said panel tops to retain a pair of adjacent panels at an angle of 180° therebetween, wherein a leg of said U-shaped element is extended to provide a support and to horizontally

hold a wooden beam adjacent to and parallel to said panels at a level lower than said top of said panels.

11. (currently amended) A modular system for construction of a walled tabernacle booth structure according to claim 10, further provided with wooden beams which ~~can~~ are adapted to be laid in an array over said wooden beams supported in said extended U-shaped elements located at opposing walls of said booth.

12. (currently amended) A modular system for construction of a walled tabernacle booth structure according to claim 11, wherein said wooden beams are notched at a lower surface adjacent to each wooden beam extremity, said notch being sized to engage said top of said panel.

13. (currently amended) A profile for use in a panel for modular construction of partitions and walled structures, said panel being of the type having a top, a bottom, two major surfaces and two minor side surfaces and said profile being adapted for integral attachment to one of said minor side surfaces of said panel, said profile being provided with two substantially identical inter-engagement means arranged at angles of about 90° to each other enabling the alternative inter-engagement of said profile and the panel to which it is integrally attached with an adjacent panel at an angle of 180° therebetween, and at an angle of about 90° therebetween.